Extension of Railway network upto Agartala, Tripura

804. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 21st July, 1991, regarding extension of 132 KM of railway network upto Agartala in Tripura;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for taking up first the 23 km stretch from the last rail head Kumarghat to Sindukumar for socio-economic development of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The news item regarding extension of 132 kms of railway network upto Agartala appeared in the Hidnustan Times dated 22nd July, 1991 only informed the readers of the Government's decision for resuming the Final Location Survey for the Kumarghat-Agartala MG line.

(c) No, Sir.

Major irrigation Schemes

805. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number or major irrigation projects which remain incomplete at the end of 1990-91 with a spill over cost and how many out of these date back to the previous plan periods;

(b) the number of these which were taken up during the Seventh Plan period and how many of these were completed during this period with details thereof; and

(c) what is the shortfall of irrigation potential at the end of the Seventh Plan period and the targetted irrigation potential envisaged during the Eighth Plan period and the steps to be taken or achieving this target?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) 167 approved and unapproved major projects have remained incomplete at the end of 1990-91. All these projects date back to the previous plan periods. The spill over cost of the incomplete major projects from the Seventh Plan was about Rs. 31,700 crores.

(b) Out of the above, 17 projects were taken up during the Seventh Plan period and none of these have been completed during this period.

(c) The targetted irrigation potential to be created during the Seventh Plan was 4.297 Million hectares and the anticipated achievement is 2.319 million hectares. While the potential creation target for Eighth Plan have not been finalised, the strategy evolved to ensure full achievement enjoins advance planning and careful prioritisation of projects for funding.

Collection of additional Revenue after inauguration of new Railway Line

806. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total additional revenue collected, so far, since the inauguration of Nadikude and Bibinagar line, as well as gauge conversion between Guntur and Machel in South Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS